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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED CHANGES AND DEPARTMENT'S REMARKS
RE PROPOSED EMBASSY RESPONSE TO GOM.

FIRST PARAGRAPH - NO CHANGE.

SECOND PARAGRAPH - "THE REQUEST TO AID FOR DETERMINATION OF
ELIGIBILITY TO ACQUIRE EXCESS US PROPERTY SHOULD INCLUDE
THREE COPIES OF A LIST OF THE CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY WHICH
THE GOM WISHES TO PURCHASE INDICATED BY THE TWO-DIGIT
FEDERAL SUPPLY GROUP CODE NUMBER, AS IN ATTACHMENT D TO
AID HANDBOOK 16. THE REQUEST SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A STATE-
MENT AS TO THE PLANNED END-USE OF SUCH PROPERTY. IT IS NOT
FEASIBLE TO INITIATE A REQUEST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF US
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EXCESS PROPERTY IF VALUE OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS
-AT ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST- IS INVOLVED. BECAUSE OF THE
RAPID TURNOVER IN EXCESS PROPERTY INVENTORY, ACQUISITION
OF SPECIFIC ITEMS, ONCE APPROVED, MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN A
GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME." (DELETE NEXT PHRASE.)

THIRD PARAGRAPH - "THE COST TO THE GOM OF SUCH PROPERTY

IS THAT OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 6 OF AID HANDBOOK 16, I.E. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CHARGES BASED ON ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST. PLEASE NOTE THAT DEPRECIATION IS NOT A FACTOR IN DETERMINING COST." (WE HAVE DELETED FROM FIRST SENTENCE SPECIFICS ON CHARGES. SERVICE CHARGE IS BEING CHANGED TO 3 PERCENT ALTHOUGH THIS NOT YET PUBLISHED. SUGGEST YOU DELETE LAST SENTENCE AS THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF US FLAG SHIPS. GOM HAS PREVIOUSLY USED FOREIGN SHIPS AND SHOULD BE AWARE OF CONSEQUENT DIFFERENCE IN SHIPPING COST.)

2. FOLLOWING IS FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND USE AS APPROPRIATE. THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT RESULTING FROM AID'S APPROVAL OF GOM REQUEST IS SIMPLY AN AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY UP TO THE OAC SPECIFIED. THEREFORE, THE AMOUNT REQUESTED IN TERMS OF OAC SHOULD BE EXTREMELY LIBERAL AND AIMED AT COVERING ANY AND ALL REQUIREMENTS COMTEMPLATED FOR CITED END-USE. THESE ESTIMATES SHOULD BE PREDICATED ON CURRENT NEW PROCUREMENT PRICES. IN SHORT, ESTIMATE IS A CEILING FIGURE. SHOULD GOM ASK, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PURCHASE \$2 MILLION WORTH OF PROPERTY, AID DETERMINATION WOULD AUTHORIZE ANY PURCHASES IN SPECIFIED CATEGORIES WITHIN THAT AMOUNT. (SEE ATTACHMENT E TO AID HANDBOOK 16.)

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